

WJZ-TV  
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT  
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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##### CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

##### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

##### ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

#### **HEALTH**

##### **Eyewitness News**

April 4: Autistic children typically have difficulty communicating and interacting with others but one school is successfully using technology to help kids express themselves.

April 5: Every mile has a meaning that's the thought behind a movement to cure diabetes, a disease that affects 26 million Americans. It's called Tour de Cure and hundreds of Marylanders are gearing up to make a difference.

April 7: The rankings are out and two counties in Maryland took the top and bottom spots when it comes to being the healthiest.

April 11: The nation's top ranked hospital completes its brand new billion dollar facility. More than a thousand people will descend on Johns Hopkins tomorrow to dedicate the state of the art building.

April 17: Making a roar for autism. More and more children are diagnosed with the developmental disorder. The numbers may be alarming but the Kennedy Krieger Institute is constantly looking for treatment options.

April 18: A breakthrough for cancer treatment in Maryland. That's what medical leaders are calling the University of Maryland's new proton treatment center in West Baltimore.

April 20: Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summit turns in her whistle because of early onset Alzheimer's at just 59 years old. Tonight, Maryland doctors reveal the likelihood of younger people developing the disease.

April 22: This year's allergy season is worse than usual. Nearly 20 percent of all Americans are reporting allergies this spring and the problems in Maryland may just be getting started.

April 25: In Healthwatch, the American Lung Association is out with its annual State of the Air report. It finds that air quality in the most polluted cities, including Baltimore, is getting cleaner while some parts of the country are getting worse.

April 28: What do you do with expired or unneeded prescription drugs? That's the question millions of Americans answered today by showing up at over 5000 sites across the country. We visited the most successful location in Maryland.

April 29: A brand new, state of the art emergency room is up and running at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Tonight is the first time patients are being treated in the new facility.

May 1: A good kid who is an eagle scout buys marijuana on the street. What would make him do that? Tonight, Phillip Weigner says he's in the fight of his life and wants you to know why he's breaking the law.

May 2: With the Maryland Half Marathon just days away, runners are getting ready. One local doctor isn't letting distance get in the way of an important race. He's raising money and running in Europe on race day.

May 3: Demand for healthy organs is surging in Maryland and across the country. Now Facebook is connecting donors with patients who desperately need transplants. It's a concept born right here in Baltimore.

May 4: Thousands will visit the Maryland Zoo this weekend to see the animals and raise money for the Kidney Foundation of Maryland. One Baltimore County family says the walk stepped in right after a heartbreaking diagnosis.

May 10: Nearly half of Americans could become obese within the next 20 years that's the alarming prediction from a new study but Maryland companies are trying to fight that statistic.

May 11: As we get ready to welcome in the sunny summer months, doctors are reminding people of the danger of skin cancer. Doctors say it's showing up in some unusual places on the body.

May 12: The lack of access to modern medical equipment in developing countries results in the deaths of millions. Now graduate students at Hopkins are on a path to change that.

May 15: He's known as Doctor Death, a Baltimore man who helps terminally ill patients end their lives.

May 22: It's the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the US. Now a Maryland scientist has discovered a way to diagnose pancreatic cancer before it spreads.

May 24: Maryland public schools will now have emergency doses of potentially lifesaving epinephrine on hand for children with food allergies

May 27: More and more children are getting sick by eating laundry detergent packages, because they are confusing them with candy and other goodies.

May 30: An eye surgeon near Towson is one of the first in the country to use a new laser technology to perform cataract surgery

June 5: Every year, thousands of disabled people in Maryland benefit from federal, state, and local government programs.

June 8: A serious, often fatal disease found mostly in premature babies has a simple solution one that a local hospital has put into place with a human milk bank.

June 10: A crib is supposed to be a safe place for babies, but doctors say crib bumpers could turn it into a death trap so Maryland is now pushing a plan to ban them.

June 11: In Healthwatch, a breakthrough at the University of Maryland Medical Center. For the first time ever in Maryland, a patient with an artificial heart receives a heart transplant.

June 21: As childhood obesity rates skyrocket, the Port Discovery children's museum is trying to do its part to get kids moving with a new exhibit that's designed to put a kick in their step.

June 24: The war in Afghanistan may be coming to an end, but many soldiers will never be the same. More than 1400 servicemen and women have lost limbs serving our country and now some of them are regaining their mobility in a unique and fun way at the Aquarium.

June 26: With the hope of protecting people from skin damage, the FDA is making major changes to the way sunscreen lotions are labeled. Tonight, a dermatologist explains what you need to know.

June 27: Ask a parent; even the smallest illness in a child can throw a home into chaos. Now imagine what it's like if that illness involves a hospital. Tonight, the Ronald McDonald House knows exactly what it's like for a family and is celebrating an anniversary helping those in need.

June 28: The Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act will have a major impact across Maryland and local doctors and patients are reacting to the decision.

June 29: One of Maryland's leading health commissioners wants to put a face on the health care issue. In light of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the president's health insurance law, Dr. Peter Beilenson today revealed he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

## **ON TIME**

April 8: Autism is on the rise and now affects 1 in 88 American children. Dr. Rebecca Landa and autism parent Gretchen Townsend tell Kai Jackson about the warning signs and the importance of early intervention. Ms. Townsend discusses how at age 2, her son could not speak until he was enrolled in the early treatment program at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Dr. Landa discusses how to distinguish a child with autism from one that is prone to temper tantrums. The upcoming ROAR for Autism raises funds for autism research at Kennedy Krieger.

April 15: Gigi Barnett talks with Andrew Paterno about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He explains that this 2-day fundraising event features teams who camp out and participate in the relay as a way to raise money for cancer programs supported by the American Cancer Society.

May 13: Heart Disease and Stroke are the #1 and #3 causes of death for African Americans. Brenda Johnson, a nurse and stroke program manager at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Tia Timpson, a young

stroke survivor, tell host Gigi Barnett about the symptoms, risks and complications of stroke. Tia Timpson was only 20 years old when she suffered a massive headache, slurred speech and partial numbness at the onset of her stroke. They discuss how diet, exercise and regular doctor's visits can help prevent a stroke from happening.

May 20: Steve Cline from The Partnership at Drugfree and Cyndi Glass who lost a son to drug abuse tell Gigi Barnett about programs designed to help parents and other adult mentors talk with young people about alcohol and drug abuse. Cyndi Glass discussed how her son got addicted to prescription pills while recovering from a sports injury at the age of 15. This led to his switching to heroin when oxycodone was unavailable and ultimately to his death at the age of 20. Jeremy's Run is a sporting event held to raise money for drug prevention programs including the Partnership at Drugfree.

June 10: Lillie Shockney and Jeanette Bair explain how one woman's love of horses got her through her diagnosis of breast cancer and led to the creation of the PVDA Ride for Life – a two day equestrian event that raises funds for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Lillie Shockney explains how the money from this event is used to fund new breast cancer programs for patients as well as provide fellowships for medical professionals.

June 10: Kai discusses the upcoming Great Prostate Cancer Challenge and mentions several free prostate cancer screenings that are being held at various churches and community centers in urban areas.

June 17: Kai Jackson talks with Matthew Marsiglia about CPR and how an automatic AED can be used by the general public when someone is suspected of having a heart attack. He explains how to attach the AED leads to the chest area and how the device can determine if and when to administer a shock. Non automatic AED machines can determine if a shock is warranted and if so, it instructs the bystander to press a button to shock the patient.

June 17: The Baltimore Women's Classic is a 5K event for female runners/walkers. Laurie Amatucci explains to Kai Jackson that the event began in the 1970's because women were not allowed to run 5K events. Proceeds from this event benefit GYN cancer programs headquartered at Mercy Medical Center. Ms. Buie explains how her GYN cancer did not exhibit any symptoms until the cancer had spread. Part of the proceeds from the 5K event goes towards research into early detection.

June 17: Members of the Lift Team explain to Kai Jackson how their program helps nurses with the heavy lifting and moving of obese patients. Their program trains others how to ergonomically lift and move heavy patients without incurring damage or pain to both the patient and the nurse. Nurses routinely miss work because of injuries sustained from moving heavy objects.

June 24: Gigi Barnett talks with Be the Match representatives about the need to have more people register – specifically African Americans and Hispanics – for the marrow donor program. They explain that people with blood cancers- leukemia, lymphoma, aplastic anemia, sickle cell anemia and MPD need to be matched with a perfect donor and for African Americans and Hispanics – that can prove a challenge matching genetics. Juliette Williams discussed the different means to harvest marrow from a surgical procedure to remove it from the pelvic bone to removing it from a blood transfusion.

## **CONSUMER/ECONOMY/JOB/LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUES**

### **Eyewitness News**

April 2: The boys of summer are back. Tonight preparations are underway for the Orioles home opener on Friday and that means big money for Baltimore businesses.

April 2: Tomorrow Maryland may help give Mitt Romney what he says he is - the nominee most likely to challenge President Obama.

April 3: its primary election day in Maryland and the votes could have a big impact on the GOP presidential race but so far, voter turnout has been light.

April 4: He admits his gas tax is dead so Governor Martin O'Malley may go another direction to raise money for Maryland roads.

April 4: The stage is set for a big political race in Maryland. A face new to politics wins the GOP Senate primary.

April 5: When it looked like NASA was about to pull the plug on the Hubble Space Telescope, it was Senator Barbara Mikulski who helped keep it alive. That saved hundreds of Maryland jobs and it's now brought Mikulski an honor no one else has on Capitol Hill.

April 5: Today gas prices reached a painful milestone in Maryland. AAA Mid Atlantic says the average price for a gallon of gas hit 4 dollars.

April 5: More shopping and jobs downtown. Four big name retailers are slated to open this year at Harbor East giving shoppers and job seekers more reason to stay in the city.

April 6: Newly released unemployment numbers show job growth is slowing and more people have stopped looking for work.

April 9: A sweet day at the Inner Harbor as Domino Sugar receives its biggest shipment of sugar ever. Tonight we explain what will happen to the shipment.

April 9: Time is running out for lawmakers to strike a deal on the budget. The holdup is how it will be funded and what new taxes will pay for it.

April 10: Tax hikes are out and cuts are in but it all could change. Tonight, more on the state budget and the hundreds of millions of dollars at risk.

April 10: It's the color of emeralds, but there's nothing precious about a destructive bug invading Maryland running up millions of dollars in damage.

April 11: If warm, dry weather feels good to us, we aren't alone. It's also been having an impact on crabs and fish in the bay which could mean a boom for local seafood dealers.

April 11: Millions of dollars are on the chopping block. Critical funding for Maryland's public schools and police departments are at risk if the state can't work through its budget dilemma.

April 12: Governor Martin O'Malley is accepting some of the blame for the budget breakdown that could lead to \$500 million in state cuts.

April 13: Under the ax - millions of dollars in state budget cuts take effect July 1<sup>st</sup> unless the General Assembly agrees on a plan to raise taxes.

April 15: The state of Maryland is holding hundreds of thousands of dollars and some of it could be taxpayers. Tonight, how you can claim property or cash that may have been forgotten.

April 17: Right now Governor O'Malley is considering a special session of the General Assembly to deal with the budget mess and raise taxes.

April 18: Supporters and opponents of a plan to increase the so-called bottle tax take their fight to City Hall as a committee hears testimony from both sides.

April 19: The budget mess and the impact on higher education. Millions of dollars in cuts are looming. Now students are pleading for Governor O'Malley to call a special session to deal with the crisis.

April 20: Some good news for BGE customer -the \$100 credit promised in the merger of Constellation Energy and Exelon will be in the May BGE bill.

April 21: Many soldiers come back from war to find they don't have a job. There's now a national and local movement for employers to hire active military and veterans.

April 22: With a \$48 million budget shortfall for Baltimore City, one councilman has an idea that he says will help the deficit by putting advertisements on fire trucks.

April 25: Taxes and gaming - Governor Martin O'Malley appears to be lining up not one, but two special sessions in the coming weeks. One for taxes and the other for expanded gambling.

April 30: A new benefit for BGE customers. Competitive bidding with wholesale power supplies means residential customers should see a decrease in their annual bill.

April 30: Higher taxes or cuts to vital services that's at the heart of the fight over whether there should be a special session.

May 1: Forbes releases its list of wealthiest counties, with one of the top five right in Baltimore's back yard in Howard County.

May 4: A special session is now in place as Maryland lawmakers try to avoid a doomsday budget.

May 6: Baltimore City's Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program launches a community cleanup program where even the smallest of hands can help.

May 7: Major layoffs are coming for employees of Phillips Foods. The seafood company will cut 100 jobs when it closes its Baltimore facility in July.

May 7: Maryland's two open casinos bring in \$14. million.

May 8: Should hospitals and universities fund Baltimore schools? The chairman of the City Tax and Finance Committee wants to impose a \$500 bed tax on colleges and hospitals that don't pay property taxes.

May 9: After months of debate, Governor O'Malley, the senate president and the house speaker agree on tax hikes to offset the budget crisis.

May 9: Hundreds of demonstrators camp outside of Bank of America buildings across the nation and in Baltimore. Shareholders vote today on the bank president's pay package.

May 10: Southern Maryland is getting more help to recover from Hurricane Irene in the form of \$4 million from FEMA.

May 11: With \$4 gas not far behind us and summer fuel prices looming large, Maryland drivers brace for the worst. One Baltimore taxi company is fighting back avoiding gas all together.

May 12: BGE's Peak Rewards program is designed to save money for customers on the hottest days, but last year the program caused problems. Tonight, the utility plans to test the system before the summer strikes.

May 14: Lawmakers are back at work in Annapolis for the special session to revise the state's budget. Tonight a breakdown of the new taxes and what it will cost taxpayers.

May 16: An agreement from law makers to hike taxes for thousands of Marylanders.

May 16: Baltimore homeowners are furious after an audit uncovers lazy water meter readers not doing their jobs.

May 17: They're delicious and folks here in Maryland love them. It's time for soft shells and local restaurant are hoping to cash in during soft shell crab week.

May 18: New numbers show Maryland had the biggest job loss in the country last month.

May 22: Maryland's legislative leadership has announced a possible date for a special session to consider gambling expansion here in Maryland.

May 23: Thousands of households could pick up the tab for Baltimore's aging water system. The Department of Public Works wants to increase taxpayer bills to fund repairs.

May 23: A new law signed by the governor requires future hotels to install energy saving equipment that automatically turn out the lights, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

May 24: A new poll shows same sex marriage is gaining support among Maryland voters.

May 25: There's an uncertain future for nearly two thousand workers at Sparrows Point are losing their jobs.

May 28: After more than 6 decades, the Forest Diner on Route 40 is closing to make way for a retail shopping complex.

May 29: Opponents of same sex marriage turn in the first batch of signatures for a petition aimed at repealing Maryland's same sex marriage law.

May 31: Sparrows Point R-G Steel files for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

June 8: A danger to children. Maryland becomes the first state to ban the sale of crib bumpers.

June 8: BGE customers may be returning some of the rebate they received. BGE is expected to ask state utility regulators for a rate increase this summer.

June 10: A city lawmaker says bottle tax talks aren't happening fast enough so he's planning a rare motion to speed things up.

June 11: The battle over a city bottle tax is heating up. Today the issue moved out of committee.

June 12: In just hours, Julius Henson learns his punishment for those controversial calls that suggested voters stay home on election night but tonight, he sits down only with WJZ for his first in-depth interview since his conviction.

June 13: Marylanders can vote on whether to allow undocumented students to attend college at in-state tuition rates.

June 13: Maryland still has room for another casino. State analysts say Maryland's gambling market could support an additional casino in Prince George's County.

June 14: The Star Spangled Sailabration means a big boost to Baltimore's economy and a big boost to businesses from the thousands of tourists expected to enjoy the festival.

June 15: The unemployment line is growing in Maryland with the Labor Department saying local employers cut 7500 jobs in May.

June 15: MGM Resorts and the developers of National Harbor lay their cards on the table. They've agreed to build a resort casino but there are a number of monetary hurdles to clear.

June 18: The Baltimore City Council is expected to vote on the proposal to raise the bottle tax tonight.

June 19: A national taxpayer watchdog group urges Maryland voters to oppose any plan to lower tax rates for the state's casino operators.

June 20: Towson Town Center opens up four new luxury stores for summer shopping.

June 20: A workgroup studying expanded gambling has failed to reach a consensus on whether to allow a sixth casino in Prince George's County.

June 21: The Baltimore City Council votes on a plan to restore some of the funding cuts proposed by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake.

June 21: The Maryland Food Bank always needs your help but especially during the summer. Tonight, a team effort that led to donations of food and money in Owings Mills.

June 22: How low can you go? Gas prices are expected to drop below three dollars a gallon by Halloween. Tonight more from Maryland drivers on what's driving prices down.

June 24: The Baltimore City Council will vote tomorrow on the Mayor's multi-million dollar budget.

June 25: The City Council approves the Mayor's \$2.3 billion budget this afternoon at City Hall.

June 26: Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake signs the bottle tax increase into law.

June 26: The mayor says the city needs \$2.5 billion to repair and rebuild Baltimore City schools. Tonight, where the money to fix the schools will come from.

June 27: Governor O'Malley says he's still open to calling a special session this summer on expanded gambling but he says it depends on what happens with the leadership in the House of Delegates.

June 27: Starting tomorrow, people living in Baltimore City will start digging a little deeper into their pockets to pay for water. The Board of Estimates approved a controversial rate increase.

June 28: We're just days away from the Fourth of July holiday and AAA Mid Atlantic says traffic will be worse this year than in 2011 as more people plan to travel by car.

June 29: If you like wine with your dinner, a new law taking effect could enhance your dining experience.

#### **ON TIME**

April 8: CCBC's Personal Finance Expo covers a wide variety of money based topics from how to set up a household budget to planning for retirement. Economics professor Jennifer Joyner and SFP Financial Partner Steve Pursley tell Kai Jackson how this free one-day expo is designed for families and includes activities for young children as well as specific workshops for high school students in addition to adults of all ages.

May 6: Kai Jackson talks with Neil Bergsman, the director of the Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute about the doomsday budget that goes into effect on July 1 that is unless Governor O'Malley calls a special session to address unfinished budget issues. Bergsman outlines how the doomsday budget will drastically cut public education, higher education, social and public safety programs. Alternatives to the budget cuts

would include modest tax increases for the state's wealthiest residents and a restructuring of the budget debt.

May 13: Karen Sitnick from the Mayor's Office of Employment Development and Andrew Bertamini from Wells Fargo Bank, tell Gigi Barnett about a new campaign to get each of the city's 13,000 businesses to hire one youth for the summer. Under the City's YouthWorks program, this campaign aims to find more employment opportunities for city youth over the 6-week summer period. The city program screens and prepares the young teens to enter the workforce. The banking industry hires many entry level tellers and provides mentoring to the new hires.

May 13: Joan Marshall from the College Savings Plans of Maryland tells Gigi Barnett about 2 plans that help Maryland families save for their children's college education. She explains how the plans are different and can be tailored to fit anyone's budget. One plan lets parents lock in tuition rates at today's prices.

May 20: Gigi Barnett talks with Congressman Elijah Cummings about his upcoming foreclosure workshop for homeowners who are in jeopardy of losing their homes. He discusses how the economic downturn is still affecting home ownership although fewer homes are going into foreclosure. His workshop will have various banking representatives present to advise homeowners on options including debt restructuring and other means to avoid losing their homes.

May 20: Kai Jackson talks with Michele Johnson from the Central Scholarship about their programs which provide college and technical/trade school scholarships and interest free loans to students from low-income families. She discusses how a new grant from the Abell Foundation will benefit 100 Baltimore City students who want to pursue training in the allied health fields, and trades such as plumbing and electrical as career alternatives to a traditional 4 year college.

June 10: Baltimore City's housing department is partnering with the State's program to increase homeownership to lower to middle class families through several programs that target designated communities in the city. The city's Vacants to Value aims to put homeowners into current city-owned vacant properties. The State programs help with down payment fees through the DSELP program and they offer record low mortgage rates to those who qualify for the program.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Eyewitness News**

April 10: Some students from Parkville had quite a day in Fells Point. They sailed on a famous schooner, The Lady Maryland, that they helped save by raising money.

April 11: Making sure Maryland students compete with the rest of the world that's the goal of an education summit in Baltimore County where Stem classes hope to lead the way.

April 12: American students seem to be falling behind when it comes to science and that can jeopardize our economy and national security. Now a new exhibit is encouraging kids to take an interest in science.

April 12: Years of working and living in Baltimore will soon come to an end for dozens of city teachers. They're international educators and their visas are about to run out so school leaders are now looking to hire American teachers.

April 13: Putting an end to bullying, that's the goal of a documentary that's now playing in Maryland. First Lady Katie O'Malley attended the premiere hoping to spark discussion.

April 18: Baltimore City's top teaching title goes to a middle school instructor in Northwest Baltimore. Now he advances for the title among teachers statewide.

April 19: Doing well in Maryland with the help of Kevin Bacon. The actor visits College Park to award University of Maryland students who came up with the best charitable idea.

April 20: The state board of education chooses its next state school superintendent, the Delaware secretary of education, to replace outgoing superintendent Dr. Nancy Grasmick.

April 23: A Nascar champion comes to a Howard County high school to help show student how to stay safe behind the wheel especially as prom season approaches.

April 24: There's now a new superintendent of schools here in Maryland. Today the State Board of Education welcomed Lillian Lowery.

April 25: Baltimore city schools are going green. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Black joined CEO of Baltimore schools Dr. Andres Alonso to reveal that all of the city's 205 public schools are now recycling.

April 26: Maryland's top teacher takes a trip to the nation's capital. In Schoolwatch, the Baltimore County English teacher tells us about his chance to meet the president.

April 26: They may only be in high school but a group of Baltimore students are already on their way toward becoming young entrepreneurs. Tonight, more on the impact of the NFTE program.

May 1: Baltimore city schools are eating the fruits of their labor after securing grants to place salad bars in 10 school cafeterias.

May 2: Recognition for one local student who proves that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. Sterling Saunders was honored with the Academic Persistence Award at Howard Community College.

May 3: Imagine learning about stocks and bonds in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It's what one curriculum in Baltimore City aims to do and it's a program that's getting the attention of lawmakers.

May 4: Books are crucial to a child's education but sadly many kids don't have access to them. Tonight, more on how you can help Baltimore's Book Bank to help children in need.

May 8: People who work for city schools are waiting to see what happens in the legislature's special doomsday budget session. School workers could be forced to take up to 4 furlough days if lawmakers don't approve higher taxes.

May 10: Baltimore's only Montessori Charter School opens its doors today for a tour of the new school building.

May 11: More than 500 Stevenson University students received their degrees today with the message to carefully choose their path in life. It's a message their keynote speaker, Baltimore author Wes Moore knows well.

May 15: He broke racial barriers on and off the baseball diamond and now the legacy of Jackie Robinson lives on through one student who's being honored for overcoming his own challenges.

May 17: The Sophie Kerr prize is the largest student literary award in the nation. Every year, one student from Washington College receives the prestigious honor and tonight we introduce you to this year's recipient.

May 18: Students from the SEED School of Maryland, a public boarding school got the chance to showcase their masterpieces at Legg Mason last night.

May 19: It's a business venture designed to help students thousands of miles away in two Caribbean nations. Creators are linking the power of technology and English classes to change lives.

May 24: After four decades in front of the classroom, a teacher is honored for her service to generations of students.

May 29: Today students get a hand on education about the meaning behind their school's name.

May 31: Dozens of students are awarded scholarships to attend college through Baltimore Community Foundation.

June 5: City lawmakers tossed the ceremonial first shovel of dirt for the brand new Waverly Elementary and Middle School.

June 7: The school says it's also encouraging students to exercise more during their summer break.

June 9: They call it the summer slide, a learning slump when school's out for summer break. Tonight, how a program in Baltimore could help students stay sharp.

June 12: Something special is happening at Baltimore's Boys Latin School. A lacrosse game lasting 24 hours for a great cause and a student with a big heart is making it happen.

June 13: No more zero tolerance policy for Baltimore County school students. The school board is easing back on its discipline policy.

June 24: In Schoolwatch, Baltimore is boosting its number of charter schools. The city already has the most in Maryland. Now school leaders are raising the standards to open a charter.

June 26: The company may be best known for their racy ads during the Super bowl but the founder of Go Daddy. com is now making a major contribution to his alma mater, the University of Baltimore.

June 28: Today more than 1200 men and women begin their four year journey at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. There were some tough goodbyes as Induction Day got underway.

## **ON TIME**

April 15: Marsha Koger and Lourdes Montes-Greenan tells Gigi Barnett about the NFTY program that introduces middle and high school students in low income neighborhoods to the concept of entrepreneurship. They describe how their curriculum gets students an opportunity to use financial and math concepts in developing their own business. Students who participate in this program are less likely to drop out of school and do not cut classes.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Eyewitness News**

April 1: Perfect weather for opening day at the Baltimore Farmer's Market. For 35 years, shoppers have been loading up on fresh food and this year, the market is off to a great start.

April 2: Recycle more that's the challenge from Governor O'Malley to state employees who are now in competition with each other.

April 3: Three days and counting until Opening Day in Baltimore. The Orioles take the field Friday, but grounds crews are already busy getting the field ready for game day.

April 4: If you don't have weekend plans yet you might want to take the kids to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Their annual Easter Egg Event is fun for all and the really big star of the show is getting ready for all the excitement.

April 5: When you say Easter and Baltimore, it means Mary Sue. Their Easter Eggs have been a Baltimore favorite for more than 60 years. It's the candy maker's busiest time of the year.

April 6: Today the Jewish community gathered at Pimlico Racetrack to begin the Passover celebration with a tradition thousands of years old.

April 7: Baltimore's bravest and finest come together for some friendly competition on the basketball court benefitting the Purple Kisses Foundation.

April 9: It started in the 1920's thanks to John W. Sherwood, a local petroleum executive. Dogwoods, magnolias and of course tulips, thousands of them, are blooming earlier this spring at Sherwood Gardens thanks to Baltimore's balmy winter.

April 10: Baseball players in the Baltimore City Public Schools will soon be sharing a field with the pros. Tonight, why they're taking over Camden Yards.

April 16: International recognition for Baltimore's posh new Four Seasons Hotel, named one of the hottest places to stay in the world. The hotel is the crown jewel in the fast growing Harbor East neighborhood.

April 17: The world's best skateboarders and BMX riders will make their way back to Ocean City this summer for the second year in a row.

April 19: BWI Airport is going green. With Earth Day this weekend, BWI Marshall and Pepco Energy Services show off their high profile solar energy project.

April 20: Cleaning the water of the Inner Harbor one plant at a time. Dozens of wetlands are now floating in front of the World Trade Center.

April 23: Baltimore is getting ready for a big international soccer match. Today M&T Bank Stadium hosted Darren Eales, the director for the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

April 24: It's a restaurant inside an old railroad station and it's just won a major award from the Restaurant Association of Maryland. Tonight more on a taste of the old main line in Carroll County.

April 26: It soars 235 feet and was built in less than six months... but what's the future of Baltimore's famous Shot Tower? Tonight, the effort to restore and re-open one of Baltimore's best known landmarks.

April 30: Getting around downtown and other hot spots is getting a little easier thanks to the new route on the Charm City Circulator.

May 2: Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake is standing by her decision to close several recreation centers saying hard choices have to be made.

May 3: The National Aquarium is ending its dolphin shows instead giving visitors all day access to the exhibit.

May 4: its Baltimore's annual rite of spring the Flowermart is in full bloom in Charm City tonight.

May 7: Dozens of motorcycle riders gather in Glen Burnie to honor those killed in accidents and they issue a new warning during Motorcycle Safety Month.

May 8: If you're looking for design ideas from the experts, the BSO's Design Showcase is just for you. The annual fundraiser is up and running in Towson.

May 9: Loved ones gather at Maryland State Police headquarters for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Fallen Heroes Ceremony to remember their sacrifice.

May 11: It's become one of the Baltimore's hottest tickets and it happens tomorrow. The third annual Foodie Experience is happening at the Hippodrome.

May 14: It's one of Baltimore's most historic sites but for years the Mount Auburn Cemetery sat in disrepair. Now the community is helping bring it back to life.

May 17: Good food... a few tall tales and of course a room full of Black Eyes Susans. It's the Preakness annual Alibi Breakfast.

May 19: It's always nice to get a compliment or to be recognized... and that's exactly what's happening to Solomon's Island in Southern Maryland as it gets some national recognition.

May 26: A new water slide in Ocean City is getting some national recognition, and opens for the first time this holiday weekend.

May 28: Here in Maryland, dozen gather for one of the oldest Memorial Day celebrations in the nation; veterans receive a warm welcome on Main Street.

May 29: A preview of the Maryland Live casino grand opening scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM.

May 29: A new state program is certifying that restaurants primarily serve Maryland crabs and crab meat.

June 3: Former Eyewitness News anchor Dick Gelfman raises millions to fight breast cancer with his Ride Across Maryland for motorcyclists and motorists.

June 8: For more than 20 years, the Orioles have been collecting donations for the Maryland Food Bank. As part of our continuing community commitment, WJZ will be at all three O's games this weekend collecting canned food and cash donations.

June 12: By this time tomorrow, tall ships and naval vessels will be filling Baltimore's Inner Harbor. It's the centerpiece of the state's Star Spangled Sailabration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

June 14: The Star-Spangled Sailabration is officially underway... 40 ship captains from 13 nations are welcomed today in a lavish nautical ceremony.

June 16: Festivities continue in Maryland for the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Today after days of anticipation, the Blue Angels soared above Fort McHenry.

June 17: The superstore Wegman's opened its doors to thousands of eager shoppers in Columbia this weekend. It's one of the most requested locations for the supermarket.

June 18: A highlight of the Star Spangled Sailabration today with a special ceremony at Fort McHenry to mark the beginning of the War of 1812.

June 19: Dozens of tall ships and gray hulls set sail out of the Baltimore's Inner Harbor... it's Bon Voyage to the Star Spangled Sailabration, marking the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

June 20: Technology, timing and the right tide all come into play... as four enormous cranes make their way up the bay to Baltimore.

June 21: The heat isn't keeping everyone inside in fact dozens are choosing to shop outside today as the 33<sup>rd</sup> season of the Towson Farmers Market kicks off today.

June 25: A big welcome home for 30 members of the Maryland Air National Guard returning from a 90-day deployment in Afghanistan. Tonight, we're there for the welcome ceremony in Middle River.

June 26: It's been eight months since fire destroyed the Mount Washington Tavern. Now the Baltimore landmark is being re-built and the brick by brick project is helping the community.

June 27: A new citywide partnership is launched today aimed at ending childhood hunger. It turns out, the summer break is actually a vulnerable time for many students in Baltimore City.

June 28: If you live in Baltimore and you love it, now is the time to share your story. There's a new campaign to spread the word that Baltimore is a great place to be.

June 29: If you're going to be in Harford County tomorrow you'll have a lot of company. Hundreds of motorcycles will hit the road to raise money for breast cancer research in the Heart and Soul Ride.

## **ON TIME**

April 1: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Safe and Sound Campaign, Tyrone Barnwell and Crystal Santiful, about their organization's alternative proposals to the state's plan to build a new jail for city youth. They described how the state can lessen the overcrowded bed situation by shifting jurisdiction of youth convicted of adult crimes to the Department of Juvenile Justice and moving youth out of the adult jail. Safe and Sound Campaign is opposed to building a \$117 million prison facility with less expensive alternatives would have better outcomes for all involved.

April 8: The Maryland Centenarians Committee began 20 years ago with the help of WJZ and continues to celebrate the lives of Maryland's oldest residents. Dr. Odessa Dorkins who founded the organization along with Dr. Edmonia Yates tells Kai Jackson about the luncheon that honors 100 year old citizens. Md. Secretary of Aging, Gloria Lawlah, discusses how the number of centenarians is growing and that housing and medicine are the biggest challenges to this population.

April 15: Meals on Wheels has been delivering nutritious hot and cold meals Monday through Fridays to the home bound elderly and disabled. Board members Kelly Holmes and Brandi Healey tell Gigi Barnett about the mission of the organization and how the Meals on Wheels volunteers are often the only visitors many shut in seniors see on a regular basis.

April 22: Thousands of young children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect have been assigned CASA volunteers – adults who advocate on behalf of the child. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates only help a fraction of the children who come before the courts prompting a call for more volunteers. CASA representatives tell Kai Jackson that each new volunteer undergoes a criminal background check and must complete 30 hours of training prior to being assigned to a case.

April 22: The Girls Scouts are celebrating 100 years of providing leadership and developmental programs to young girls. Wendy Emrich and Jessica Miles tell Kai Jackson how the Girl Scouts recognizes female leaders at the Distinguished Women's Awards. Later in June they are having a Grand Slam outing at an Oriole game where they hope to set a Guinness Book of Records by having the most Girl Scouts – past or present - at a baseball game.

April 22: The Baltimore Humane Society is beginning a program to get pet owner's dogs and cats exercising. One in two pets – especially cats – is overweight according to Dr. Mary Zink, medical director at the Baltimore Humane Society. These pets are at risk for some of the same diseases that plague humans – diabetes, kidney and heart disease. She and Wendy Goldband explain how various innovative toys and feeding devices tap into the cat's natural hunting instincts as a means to get them active.

April 29: Ray Banks and Derrick Burnett tell Gigi Barnett about baseball back in the days of the Negro Leagues before the sport was integrated by Jackie Robinson, 65 years ago. They discuss their upcoming fundraiser that features old timers, memorabilia and auction items. They discuss why African American participation in the sport has been declining.

April 29: Kai Jackson talks with the director of the Baltimore Reads Book Bank about their upcoming event to solicit donations of new or gently used books – especially children’s books. Mark Feiring explains how these donated books are given to low income families who do not have books in the home. Studies have documented how young children with access to books in the home learn to read earlier and get better grades in school.

May 6: The newly opened Households at Levindale employ a new concept in long-term elder care by replacing the traditional medical based nursing home with a social structure where residents make decisions about their living. Heather Wojcik and Amy Bouleware explain that the households concept is organized around a country kitchen and social activities that are resident run as opposed to staff dictated.

May 6: Rev. Tracey Victor-Butler tells Kai Jackson how her program offers guidance, mentorship and life coaching to pregnant and teenage mothers. She says that many of the young moms need parenting skills as many do not have positive role models in their homes from which to emulate.

May 27: Kai Jackson talks with Diane Bell McKoy and Chineta Davis from Associated Black Charities about their upcoming gala that helps to fund their programs aimed at strengthening the African American middle class. They explain how their “More in the Middle” campaign works to maintain and sustain the Black middle class even during this economic downturn.

May 27: The Arch Social Club is celebrating 100 years and is the oldest ongoing African American social club in the country. Del. Melvin Stukes and Arch Social Club president Van Anderson explain why the club is relevant in 2012 long after segregation has been outlawed. They discuss the role of this social club in a bygone era that offered few entertainment and networking options for African Americans.

June 3: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson about plans for the Summer Reading program that offers incentives from toddlers to teens to adults. She discusses how important it is for young people to engage in learning activities over the break from school so that they do not lose what they’ve learned. She stresses the importance for parents to read and serve as a model for their children.

## **ART & CULTURE**

### **Eyewitness News**

April 1: The NFL season may be over but in just a few weeks a different kind of football will once again be taking over M & T Bank Stadium with the upcoming International Soccer matchup.

April 2: There’s growing speculation over the mega millions jackpot. Tonight rumors are swirling about the local winner, a possible lucky lady in Baltimore.

April 4: In all the world there are only 175 copies of the first printing of the King James Bible and it turns out Maryland just happens to have one. It’s a rare find of a very rare book.

April 6: People of the Jewish faith here in Baltimore and around the world are celebrating Passover as Christians observed Good Friday, one of the most solemn days of the year.

April 8: At the Easter celebrations here in Baltimore one Catholic mass was extra special as parishioners said goodbye to now Cardinal Edwin O’Brien.

April 11: Do you speak like a true Baltimorean? If so, a local advertising agency wants your talent in a contest for the “Voice of Baltimore.”

April 16: One year ago Maryland lost a beloved public servant, William Donald Schaefer. Now he’s being remembered with a new award for those who dedicate their lives to public service.

April 17: In case you haven’t noticed, the record album is making a comeback. Sales of vinyl are on the increase and that’s music to the ears of independent record stores and especially one Catonsville business owner.

April 18: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Freeman Hrabowski. The president of UMBC now stands among the world’s most influential leaders in Time Magazine’s top 100 people.

April 20: Bill Cosby comes to Baltimore to receive an honor from an historic Catholic school. Saint Frances Academy renames its community center after the comedian to recognize their leadership in education.

April 25: One sculptor’s love of sports and history combine in a chance to cast Orioles players in bronze. His work is at the center of a new tribute to honor the team’s six hall of famers.

April 27: The second leg of the Triple Crown is just weeks away and the CEO of Under Armour may have a Preakness starter. Kevin Plank is on a mission to get people excited about Maryland horse racing again.

April 28: There’s a new attraction at Camden Yards. Today’s big reveal brought out some big names and lots of loyal fans.

April 30: Last summer’s earthquake damaged buildings up and down the East Coast. Now, one of the most historic is about to be repaired. The Baltimore Basilica should be used to scaffolding by now.

May 2: The Maryland Zoo is showing off some cute new residents. A litter of warthog piglets is almost ready to meet the public.

May 3: Calling all movie buffs... it’s almost showtime for the Maryland Film Festival at the Charles Theater this weekend.

May 4: Big changes at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. It’s becoming more interactive for visitors, including the Dolphin Experience, which is toned down, more educational and open to everyone.

May 5: Cirque du Soleil has turned circus performances into an art form. The internationally popular show is back in Baltimore for this weekend only and crews started setting up before daybreak.

May 7: The winner of the Kentucky Derby is in Maryland for the second leg of the Triple Crown.

May 9: A harrowing high-wire act is taking place at this hour over the Inner Harbor. Nik Wallenda’s much talked about tightrope walk is making history in Baltimore.

May 10: It’s one of Baltimore’s most anticipated spring time events and it happens on Saturday. Flowers, plants and a whole lot more will be on sale at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Cylburn Market Day.

May 13: A looming deadline for skateboarders and bikers. They’re hoping for a new park in Baltimore City but time is running out on the deal.

May 14: It could be the biggest real estate deal in the Mid-Atlantic in decades. A local CEO lists his Severn riverfront home for 32 million dollars.

May 17: Local iconic film director John Waters pops up in the unlikelyst of places. He was picked up by an indie rock band while hitchhiking on a highway in Ohio this week.

May 18: The Preakness is just one day away and that means it's time for the Black-Eyes Susan Day at Pimlico.

May 19: All eyes will be on Baltimore today as the nation's top thoroughbreds take the track for the running of the 137th Preakness Stakes.

May 21: Hundreds of cyclist make their own way from Ocean City to Baltimore –all for a good cause. It's the annual Ride for the Feast that benefits Moveable Feast's nutritional meal program for homebound AIDS and breast cancer families.

May 27: A new study ranks Baltimore among the top urban areas for its parks.

June 2: A new merry-go-round could replace the antique carousel at the Inner Harbor

June 5: Next week boats from all over the world will sail into Baltimore's Harbor as a part of a major push to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812

June 8: An important place in Baltimore's history is marked in the harbor as the state kicks off the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

June 9: Lots of music, dancing and food at the Greek Folk Festival in East Baltimore today.

June 11: While hundreds of thousands are expected to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812 downtown, one Baltimore woman is showing her pride with a work of art.

June 21: A history lost is now remembered. A local group is making an effort to tell the story of blacks who contributed to the War of 1812 and they're starting with children.

June 23: It's a competition of tasty proportions in South Baltimore. A Taste of Two Cities... the battle of the food trucks was held today in Westport.

June 25: He's already the most successful Olympian of all time. Now Baltimore's own Michael Phelps is competing in the Olympic Trials in Omaha.

June 27: A blockbuster start to summer at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Ripley's Believe it or Not officially opens at the Inner Harbor and city leaders hope it will bring more business downtown.

June 28: One of the reasons the Orioles are doing so well may be their new leader and superstar Adam Jones. He just signed an 85-million dollar contract making him one of the richest athletes in Baltimore history. Tonight he tells us his passion for life and for Baltimore goes well beyond the ballpark.

June 29: An incredible experience for musicians from around the country as they have the opportunity to perform with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

#### **ON TIME**

April 1: Everyman Theatre's current production of The Brothers Size is by the up and coming African American playwright Tarell Alvin McCraney. The three actors from the production tell Kai Jackson how the play defines the struggles of brotherhood within the context of familial bonds and those of kindred spirits. The actors say this production sheds light on a new dimension of African American males that is otherwise ignored by mainstream media and entertainment.

April 1: Fairy tales are all the current rage and Dr. Carla Hayden and Nik Walker, the actor of CENTERSTAGE'S production of Into the Woods explains how adults are drawn to this type of story as evidenced by the popularity of television shows, movies and theatrical productions. Dr. Hayden explains how the libraries highlight fairy tales for children through a festival all month long at the various library branches. Nik Walker discusses how Into the Woods is divided into two acts with the first one appropriate for children of all ages while the second act features more mature themes not suitable for younger children.

April 29: Kai Jackson talks with Jed Dietz from the Maryland Film Festival on location at Oriole Park. They discuss the upcoming film fest offerings and how local filmmakers can enter their documentaries, shorts and feature length films in the festival for next year.

April 29: Gigi Barnett talks with the three actors in CENTERSTAGE's production of The Whipping Man, a story that takes place the day after Robert E. Lee surrenders at Appomattox, ending the Civil War. They explain how the Southern family's slaves were raised as Jews – the religion of their owners and explores their freed status the night of the Jewish Seder dinner.

April 29: Randi Alper Pupkin tells Gigi Barnett how her organization uses art to reach shut in seniors, homeless families and abused youth. She discusses the upcoming event as a means to fund her nonprofit program.

May 27: Baltimore played a pivotal role in the War of 1812 culminating with the Battle of Ft. McHenry and the events surrounding the creation of the Star Spangled Banner. Bill Pencek, the deputy director of the 1812 Bicentennial Commission explains to Kai Jackson how the State of Maryland will launch the two-year campaign commemorating the Bicentennial with both Tall Ships and Navy Grey Hall ships arriving in the Inner Harbor in June. Other festivities include a Flag Day Celebration at Ft. McHenry with the Blue Angels and fireworks.

June 3: Kai Jackson talks with members of Tuskegee Airmen and the organizer of the Juneteenth Celebration in Talbot County. The Juneteenth event features a screening of "Double Victory," a documentary on the role of the Tuskegee Airmen in fighting fascism in Europe and racism at home, followed by a panel discussion with members of the Tuskegee Airmen, in addition to performances by the Sankofa Dance Troupe and others. The airmen share with Kai what it was like to serve in the military during the height of segregation and Jim Crow – prior to President Truman integrating the armed forces.

June 3: As the state gets ready to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, the Maryland Historical Society is set to open an extensive exhibit featuring artifacts from that era. Burt Kummerow and Alexandra Deutsch tell Kai about "In Full Glory Reflected" and the accompanying book that features illustrations from that 1812 battles as well as a travel guide that follows the progression of the British navy up the Chesapeake Bay and the battles that ensued.

June 24: A new exhibition at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum commemorated the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Afro American Newspapers - the second oldest continuously published Black newspaper. Dr. Skipp Sanders explains how the display complements the mission of the Lewis Museum in presenting a different view of African American life. Afro Archivist John Gartrell curates the exhibition along the themes of children and documented how they helped to lead the civil rights movement.